



## **Gloucester Academy uniform and equipment policy (September 2026)**

A smart appearance is an important aspect of modern life and it does help a person to display an air of self confidence and a sense of respect. Gloucester Academy aims to prepare students for a successful life and so an emphasis on taking pride in one's own appearance is an essential part of the educational process. Gloucester Academy has a strict uniform policy which helps to enhance the purposeful and successful climate of the Academy. Our uniform policy demands professionalism and ensures safety which also ensures that students are fully focused on learning as opposed to other distractions.

Gloucester Academy uniform provides students with many positive advantages because uniform:

- Diminishes the social exclusion of students based on what they are wearing
- Places stronger focus on academic performance
- Reduces tension as students do not have to compete with their peers for the latest trends in clothes.
- Creates an atmosphere of teamwork.
- Encourages pride in personal appearance and of Gloucester.
- Promotes safety, particularly through making it easier to identify strangers.
- Increases self-esteem and reduces peer pressure.
- Most cost effective to parents in the long run.
- Makes them ambassadors for Gloucester Academy in the local community.

Students are expected to wear **full Gloucester Academy uniform on the way to and from the Academy.** Jewellery and other forbidden items will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.




Essential items of uniform, e.g. Gloucester Academy blazer, jumper, tie, skirt and some items of PE kit are only available from Gloucester Academy uniform suppliers [www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)



See below for our table of contents which describes all the necessary items.



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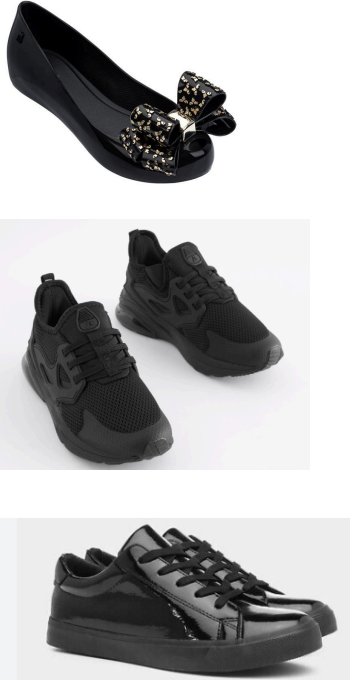


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<p><b>Skirt</b></p>	<p>Academy issued grey kilt only. To be worn to the knee. No other style of skirt is permitted.</p>	<p>Monkhouse.</p>		
<p><b>Shorts</b></p>	<p>Academy issued charcoal grey shorts only - with GA logo No other style of short is permitted.</p>	<p>Monkhouse</p>		
<p><b>Jumper</b></p>	<p>Academy logoed jumper only (optional)</p>	<p>Monkhouse</p>		

<p><b>Tie</b></p>	<p>Academy clip-on tie only. We expect school ties and sports colours to be worn with pride.</p>	<p>Monkhouse</p>		
<p><b>Cardigan</b></p>	<p>Academy logo cardigan (Optional) to be worn with the Gloucester Academy blazer as an additional layer</p>			
<p><b>Socks</b></p>	<p>Plain black ankle socks with trousers or shorts.</p> <p>Ankle socks must sit above the ankle bone.</p> <p>Plain white ankle socks (pulled over the ankle bone) with skirts.</p> <p>No Logos.</p>	<p>Any high street/online store</p>		

<b>Tights</b>	Plain black tights only.  Please note a combination of tights and socks is not permissible.	Any high street/online store		
			Acceptable	Not acceptable
<b>Shoes</b>	Plain design, polishable, black, with traditional soles and design.  No logos, suede material, material inlays, coloured laces, or excessive decorations.  No shoe/trainer hybrids (containing sports branding such as logos or stripes), trainers, fabric shoes, or boots.	Any high street/online store		

				
<p><b>Belt</b></p>	<p>If a belt is required it should be plain black with a gold or silver buckle (No jewels or logos)</p>	<p>Any high street/online store</p>		

<p><b>Coat / Jacket</b></p>	<p>Coats will be removed before entering any part of the building.</p> <p>No hoodies are permitted to be worn with the Gloucester Academy uniform at any time including to and from school.</p>			
			<p>Acceptable</p>	<p>Not acceptable</p>
<p><b>Bag</b></p>	<p>Rucksack / Backpack only.</p> <p>Rucksack / Backpack must be able to carry A4 size books and folders as well as being waterproof.</p>			

**Equipment**

We will always set the highest expectations for our students in order to raise their aspirations and enable them to fulfil their true potential. Parental engagement is one of the biggest factors behind student achievement and so your ongoing support is essential in supporting your child's academic progress.

By ensuring that your child presents themselves to Gloucester Academy each morning with full equipment, it shows that the student is aspiring to progress to their full potential. By students always being fully equipped it supports the impact of every minute of every lesson being maximised.

**All items required every day by every student, checked in line-up each morning:**

Item	Description
<b>Pencil case</b>	30 cm long clear pencil case only (of your choice) All equipment <b>MUST</b> fit and be kept inside the pencil case - <b>NOT</b> in a blazer
<b>Pencils</b>	HB pencil
<b>Pens</b>	Black Pen and Purple Pen
<b>Ruler</b>	Clear, 30 cm long
<b>Calculator</b>	Casio FX-85GT Plus calculator (or similar) Available on long term loan please contact <a href="mailto:Md Davies@gloucesteracademy.co.uk">Mdavies@gloucesteracademy.co.uk</a>
<b>Compass</b>	1 pair only
<b>Protractor</b>	Clear 180 degree Protractor
<b>Highlighters</b>	2 different colours as a minimum
<b>Eraser</b>	1 only as a minimum
<b>Pencil sharpener</b>	1 only
<b>Knowledge Organiser</b>	Current Knowledge Organiser (Dependent on Unit - 1,2,3)
<b>Homework Book</b>	1 only

<b>Mobile phones/electronic communication devices, and related equipment i.e. Headphones / smartwatches</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Switched off and placed in bags, prior to entering the schools grounds. If switched on, whilst on the school site, they will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer.</p>
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**Further Information:**

**The following expectations apply to all students:**

**Jewellery:**

Jewellery will be checked each morning during line - up, any unacceptable jewellery will be removed during this time. However, if jewellery is seen during the school day this item will be confiscated and then to be collected by parents/carers.

The only jewellery which is acceptable is a wrist watch and a maximum one pair of small (maximum 5mm) round plain gold, silver or pearlescent stud earrings (no stones). Any other form of jewellery is not allowed. Gloucester Academy does not allow facial piercings of any kind but students will be able to wear flat transparent piercing retainers in their nose if it has been pierced. Students will be asked to remove any other piercings if they are visible. Nose studs, facial and body piercings or visible tattoos are not permitted. No accessories are to be worn around the neck, wrists, and ankles or attached to clothing. Failure to remove such items will result in the student spending the day in the Ready For Learning Centre (RFL). Large amounts of money and expensive personal effects should not be brought on site. Gloucester Academy will not accept liability if such items are lost, broken or stolen.

**Hair:**

No extreme hairstyle or unnatural colour hair is allowed. This includes for example tramlines and Mohican etc. Only red, black or white hair accessories are allowed. No coloured weave or extensions are to be worn in the hair. Shaved lines in the hair or eyebrows are not permitted.

Head Scarfs must be plain black, red or white with no patterns or decorations. If clips need to be worn, these must be plain silver, gold, black or white.

If in doubt please seek clarification from the Deputy Headteacher responsible for behaviour and standards. Students arriving in

school with an unacceptable hairstyle will be sent to the Ready For Learning Centre (RFL). **All students with long hair must tie it back for PE, Technology and Science practical lessons for safety reasons.**

#### **Make-up:**

We recognise that a conservative amount of makeup may be worn but must not be “visible”, however students are not permitted to wear lip gloss, lip liner, false eyelashes or heavy mascara. Nail varnish and false nails are also both not permitted. Students arriving in school wearing excessive, obvious makeup, false eyelashes, nail varnish or false nails will be asked to have them removed. Failure to do so will result in the student being sent to the Ready For Learning Centre (RFL) until resolved. Henna decorations are not permitted however there are exceptions in place for individual religious celebrations but must not be reapplied. Tinted or cosmetic contact lenses and decorative dental wear are not permitted. No caps, durags or bandannas to be worn anywhere on Gloucester Academy site. Fashion spectacles are not permitted.

#### **Aerosols:**

For health and safety reasons, aerosols (including but not limited to deodorants, hairsprays, body sprays and aftershaves) are not to be used in school.

#### **Mobile Phones and other electronic devices**

Mobile phones, computer tablets/games etc must not be switched on onsite. They must be stored away in bags at all times.

#### **Other Valuables**

Money should be kept in a purse or wallet securely on their person. Confiscated items are to be collected at the end of half-term or by a parent/carer. We do not take responsibility for students who chose to bring valuables onto the school site, they do so at their own risk.

#### **Missing Items of Equipment and Uniform**



By attending the school on time and with full equipment, we believe that this reflects that a student is fully committed to working hard in a disruption free environment. Students are given the opportunity to borrow uniform items but may be withheld from attending lessons, until parents or carers deliver the missing items, if any items of equipment or uniform are not present or correct during morning tutor time

line - up checks.


### **Sport Uniform Policy**



Please be aware of the essential and optional items required for your child's sports uniform.


Any sport clothing is **not** to be worn underneath the main school uniform.

Item	Description	Available from	Image
<b>The following items are essential items</b> Every student must have <b>ONE</b> of either shorts / skort / tracksuit bottoms			
<b>Polo Shirt</b>	Gloucester Academy polo shirt with logo only	Monkhouse	
<b>Red Football Socks</b>	Plain red, knee length football socks	Any high street/online store	

<p><b>Shorts / Skort</b></p>	<p>Plain black (No logos)</p>	<p>Any high street store</p> <p>Or</p> <p>GA Logo items available Monkhouse</p>	
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<p><b>Tracksuit bottoms</b></p>	<p>Plain black (No logos)</p> <p>Gloucester Academy logo tracksuit bottoms</p>	<p>Any high street store</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Monkhouse</p>	
<p><b>Trainers</b></p>	<p>Any brand suitable for sports and performance</p>	<p>Any high street/online store</p>	
<p><b>Football Boots</b></p>	<p>Any brand suitable for use on grass. (moulded or studs only, no astros)</p> <p>Students and parents are informed when football boots are required.</p> <p>All students need football boots for Unit 1 in September as sports are football and rugby for boys and girls.</p>	<p>Any high street/online store</p>	
<p><b>Shin Pads</b></p>	<p>Any brand</p> <p>All students need shin pads for Unit 1 in September as sports are football and rugby for boys and girls.</p>	<p>Any high street/online store</p>	

<b>Gum Shield</b>	Any brand All students need a gum shield for Unit 1 in September as sports are football and rugby for boys and girls.	Any high street/online store	
<b>The following items are non-essential items</b>			
<b>¼ Zip Midlayer</b>	Gloucester Academy logoed ¼ Zip Midlayer only  Optional outdoor layer	Monkhouse	
<b>Rugby Shirt</b>	Gloucester Academy logoed Rugby Shirt only	Monkhouse	
<b>Base Layer</b>	Plain black, long sleeved base layer (Not loose fitting / jumper / hoodie)  OR plain black sport leggings  All base layers to be worn under PE top or skort/shorts	Any high street/online store	

<b>Sports Leggings (branded only)</b>	Black Gloucester Academy Leggings	Monkhouse	
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### **Non participant Policy 2025/26**

Taking part in physical activity is an essential part of school and necessary in order to stay healthy. Regular exercise in children improves fitness, increases concentration, builds stronger heart, bones and muscles as well as improving self-esteem and lowering stress levels.

We are aware, however, that there are rare occasions when a student is not able to take part in their sport lessons due to illness or injury.

If your son or daughter has to be excused from taking part in the competitive element of their sport lesson, **the school must be supplied with a medical letter with information about the ailment.** Students are still expected to participate in the lesson, taking on a variety of other roles which may include: scorer, umpire, analyst or coach; so they continue to develop excellence in sport. All of these roles **do not** involve being physically active.

To keep their school uniform clean and dry for the rest of their lessons, every student excused from sport will be required to change into their PE kit and join their lesson.

If a student is required to refrain from the competitive element of their sport lesson for a period longer than a week, the school will require an official doctor's letter evidencing the guidance to refrain from sport and physical activity.